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The Water Supply Again.
Within the past few months the Citizens have several times called attention to the rapidly approaching time when a new water contract must be made, to the present favorable conditions for making advantageous terms, and to the serious results which are to be apprehended from delay. In this, the Citizens, as in many other matters, have merely served as a mouth piece of many of the taxpayers and many of our most experienced citizens.

But so far as is known, nothing of any consequence has been done by the Township Committee; and yet if the present Committee is to do anything at all, it must be done quickly, for scarcely more than six weeks remain before the end of its term of existence. But if nothing be done by this present Committee nothing can be done in the nature of things before the first of April next; because the new Committee will not be provided with sub-committees and will not have disposed of the necessary routine work of organization much before that time. It would hardly seem as though the individual committee members would care to take the responsibility of this long delay if once the matter were brought home to their attention. It is therefore in the hope of securing their attention that we once more urge the pressing necessity of the water question.

Neither will it be an excuse for any individual member that he was not on the water committee, that he was not Chairman, that this particular business was supposed to be in charge of somebody else. The business of the town is supposed to be in charge of the Township Committee; and if great and irretrievable damage comes through sheer inattention and neglect, the blame and the burden of the consequences will fall upon and rest upon any one who cannot show by the minutes book and reports on file, that he was up and doing.

We have several times before indicated steps that might be taken toward securing a proper water supply; moreover members of the Committee are or ought to be better informed concerning the situation and ways and means of accomplishing desired results than any outsider. Let the Township Committee do something and do it quick, or else call the citizens together, report their inability to grapple with the question and ask for some outside assistance.

Incorrect Speaking.
"Costly thy habit as thy purse can buy" said the Great Poet, because, as he adds, "the apparel oft proclaims the man." All recognize the truth of this oft quoted saying by judging of the people they meet by dress. Every now and then a blunder is made by placing too great a reliance upon it, as when the bunco stealer slipped Recorder Smythe on the back, mistaking him for a well to do countryman. But in ninety-nine cases out of one hundred the dress reveals many of the characteristics of its wearer, and the wearer is treated accordingly. Much disadvantage results, and much inconvenience, from one not receiving the consideration which is his due; and so a rule not often disobeyed directs one to make the external appearance to correspond with the internal character—where the latter would command respect.

But what is true with regard to apparel is even more true with regard to speech. The Israelites, who stood guard at the fords of the Jordan, did not rely upon apparel but speech, and Shabbath was the standard of life and death which they adopted. We find that cultivated people are quick to detect the impostor in fine raiment. But as Shakespeare's rule concerning apparel is qualified by the little word, so the rule concerning speech must not be too implicitly relied upon. An English gentleman travelling in the United States remarked that it was a matter of the greatest astonishment to him to find it even possible that an educated person could say "You was." But that such was the case he was assured, because he had conversed with several very learned men who almost habitually said "you was" instead of "you were," although they never thus violated one of the fundamental rules of grammar in writing. It almost amounts to a national reproach that we are so careless in speech. It would not be one which more inappropriate for well bred men

to go to church in their shirt sleeves with their trousers in their boots; or for well bred ladies to sit with their feet on a guest's dinner table than to use "I seen," "I done," "you was," "you hadn't ought to" and some other like expressions, which are common in more than one sense of that much used word. And worst of all the users of incorrect expressions do not seem to be any more impressed with the enormity of the offense than the man who sees in his drunkenness something to laugh at; and most people are as accustomed to hearing bad language as they are to seeing men drunk, and so they scarcely give it a second thought. School teachers to the rescue.

What the Birds of the Air Say.
THE CITIZEN is not responsible for the notes that the following lines are commended to fathers whose sons are addicted to the baneful habit of punning:
"A wise father once said to his son,
Whenever you think of a pun
Go out in the yard
And kick yourself hard
And let me begin when you're done."

That the Paragraph Club of Newark met at the residence of Mrs. Ausubell on Wednesday morning of this week. The Club is at present pursuing a course in French literature.
That the Sun a few days since spoke of a certain Western Congressman as having grip, grip, grip, and go. If the M. C. had grip (paw), he would certainly need grip and go or he might possibly go.
That Mr. Robert R. Ridd has had an attack of the grip but is recovering.

That the Township Committee will dine with Judge Dodd next Tuesday evening; and that after dinner the business of running a newspaper will receive proper consideration.
That Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon of Belleville Avenue have had a home warming, to celebrate the completion of their beautiful new home and also a wedding anniversary.

That the residents of Chestnut Hill are talking of an Improvement Association.
That Mrs. Brewster of Upper Broad Street recently experienced an invasion of the barbarian hordes of the Montclair Water Company. She appealed to the Township Committee for protection. Fearing a repetition of the New Orleans Italian tragedy, and being unwilling to cause any further difficulty between the United States and Italy during the Chilean troubles, the Water Company has bought peace with One Hundred Dollars.

That Mr. Willard Richards intends returning to Mexico this month. Being a Director of the CITIZEN, it is to be hoped that he will give its readers some definite information concerning the mysterious revolution which is now making things lively along the border.
That the rehearsal of the plays to be produced at the Glen Ridge Club House have as last begun.

That free delivery of newspapers appears to have disappeared into the sweet by and bye.
That there is to be a leap year party at the Glen Ridge Club on the twenty-ninth of February. Several proposals of marriage are consequently looked for. Several young men are going to attend in the hopes of something's turning up.

That these things would happen if Mr. George S. Porter had succeeded in manufacturing a Village.
Mr. Frank Tower would be obliged to leave the Truck Company. This would be an irreparable loss to the Fire Department. Mr. E. A. Rayner would become ineligible as a Township Committee-man, which would deprive our local politics of much that is interesting.

Mr. J. Banks Bedford would cease to be a Bloomfielder and would certainly be missed on all public occasions.
The Health Board would be deprived of its most efficient, inspector Mr. W. R. Corby. Not in many a day has Bloomfield had a more fearless public servant.
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